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PROSPERITY

THIS new year begins with worldwide hope for continued peace and prosperity, not only in the international sphere but in national and domestic affairs as well. Assured, of another full year under the able and wise guidance of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, before his retirement, the hopes of Hongkong for those two essentials of well-being were high last New Year's Day. Now, as the year 1957 draws to a close the people here can look back with pride on a year of great achievement in many fields. True, there have been setbacks for the individual and many problems have confronted business and the Colony in general, but they have been resolved in the vast majority of cases without undue impediment to progress.

Never in its history, now dating back 116 years, has expansion covering so many aspects of life been so vast in any one year. Building, for instance, has transformed some areas so rapidly in the past twelve months that they are hardly recognisable after a few months' absence from the Colony. Millions of dollars have been invested in real estates, a sure pointer to confidence in the future. Industrially, too, large sums have been invested in development since January this year, giving work to thousands and enabling the Colony to make its impact on world markets with a wider range of well-made local products.

The prosperity which has graced the past year is also evident in the state of the Colony's coffers. To the General Reserve Balance several millions of dollars have been added despite heavy commitments for re-settlement projects, social welfare, education, and improvement of public amenities generally.

With such a year of achievement behind her, therefore, Hongkong can look forward to the coming year with renewed confidence that, given peace, prosperity will continue to shed her mantle here.

INDONESIA: THE COMMUNIST PLAN

Similar To Red Seizure Of East Europe

By WILLIAM CALBRAITH

Washington, Dec. 29.

The US Information Agency is sounding a worldwide warning of a Communist blueprint to take over Indonesia, it was disclosed today.

SHIP STILL STUCK ON SANDBANK

Singapore, Dec. 29. The Royal Navy salvage vessel *Boronie* is trying to free the American *Isbrandtsen Line* freighter, *Flying Endeavour*, which has gone aground on the Nipas Shoal, eleven miles off Singapore.

The *Flying Endeavour* struck the sandbank yesterday morning. There were no injuries, and the ship has suffered no serious damage.

WILL CONTINUE

The *Boronie* will continue its efforts to get the freighter off tomorrow.

The *Flying Endeavour* is carrying cargo for Singapore from Hongkong. —Reuter.

Narrow Escape

Genoa, Dec. 29. Three trains thundered over the prostrate body of 63-year-old Rosa Montobbio after she had fallen between the tracks of the main Genoa-Lu Spezia line near here today.

She was later taken to hospital suffering from shock, but otherwise unharmed. —China Mail Special.

The Agency draws a parallel between the current anti-Dutch actions in Indonesia and the Communist seizure of power in Eastern European nations during the 1948-49 period.

The USIA warning is carried in a three-part survey being distributed to its 200 posts throughout the world. It is based on a booklet entitled "A Short History of the Communist Party of Indonesia," written by Dipa Nusantara Aldit, Indonesia's top Communist.

Little Known

It was published in India in 1955 but is little known.

The information agency said it is a document "produced expressly for Communist eyes."

The individual USIA posts will make the information available for use by foreign newspapers, magazines, opinion leaders and others who would be interested.

The agency says that Communist blueprint calls for participation in a United front political coalition to gain legitimacy to the Communist Party of Indonesia (PKI), then taking over the coalition parties, and later seizing them, strengthening Communist-dominated Soviet-Indonesian and Sino-Indonesian friendship societies, and similar steps.

Destruction

The three-part survey warns that the PKI goal is "working for the ultimate destruction of the present social and political system."

The Agency says the Communists employed a "familiar technique" when Red-dominated unions recently occupied Dutch factories, shipping firms and other private holdings.

"These activities bear some resemblance to the operations carried out in Eastern Europe during the Communist power seizure of 1948-49," the survey says.

One Phase

"One phase of this Moscow-directed programme occurred when Communist-led national committees took over industrial plants, banks and other private enterprises while Soviet agents and henchmen consolidated their hold on the border states."

The survey points out that after the property owners in Eastern Europe were deposed "the newly established Communist regimes proceeded with the nationalisation of private enterprise of every description."

"Subsequently, the unions of every satellite country lost their independence and became merely a part of the Communist machinery of state control." —United Press.

EMERGENCY SESSION CALLED BY DOM MINTOFF

Valletta, Dec. 29. Malta's Parliament will be recalled from its Christmas recess for an emergency session tomorrow to hear a motion which poses a threat to the strategic Naval base here.

Premier Dom Mintoff's motion, to be discussed tomorrow, warns that Malta's obligations in respect of the Naval base have no force if Malta's guarantees for employ-

Fuchs Strikes Soft Snow In Pole Drive

Wellington, Dec. 29. Dr Vivian Fuchs and his British team covered only 15 miles in 12 hours of heavy going in their drive for the South Pole last night, but Sir Edmund Hillary's party swept 44 miles nearer their goal.

Dr Fuchs hopes to step up his rate of progress today to 60 miles, while Sir Edmund Hillary, now less than 200 miles from the South Pole, is maintaining a 40-mile daily average.

Dr Fuchs' party radioed Scott Base that their latest run was made in "heavy going" through soft snow and over-wave-like ridges of hard snow.

They are on the march almost 12 hours at a time. Dr Fuchs said two of his vehicles were giving trouble and this caused delay in the start last night, but he was hoping to travel 60 miles in the next march.

Meanwhile, Sir Edmund's party, who yesterday reported finding strain and "aches" in their "upper" conditions.

Their terrain continues to climb gradually and they are now at 10,400 feet, according to Mr Douglas Mackenzie official correspondent with the New Zealand expedition.

There will be a slight descent later on since the immediate polar region lies in a vast, shallow basin. —Reuter.

What makes the impeachment — for "neglect of duty" — significant is that all but a handful of the Yuan's members also are veterans members of the Kuomintang Party.

But while this was the immediate cause, it served to emphasise the dormant mutual grievances and highlight the differences between the coalition partners, especially with regard to foreign policy.

Mr Ben-Gurion accused the left-wing Achdut Haavoda Party ministers with "betrayal of the country's security" by leaking information of the Boni mission to the press.

He said in his opinion Israel should co-operate closely with Boni and he waived aside emotional appeals not to forget the massacre of millions of Jews by Nazi Germany.

"We are not concerned with the world of yesterday but with the world of today, of tomorrow," he declared.

Although the public debate has led to many disclosures, there is still only speculation about the nature of the weapons Mr Ben-Gurion is seeking from West Germany.

They were scheduled to stop at Singapore, he said, to pick up food and medicine. The Princeton, carrying 20 helicopters to be used in rescue work, was due to arrive in Ceylon about January 2.

SHIP DIVERTED

In London the Admiralty said tonight British and US ships would leave Singapore during the next two days to take relief provisions to flood victims in Ceylon.

The spokesman said HMS Cockade, returning to Britain at the end of her commission, was diverted to Ceylon to assist in food distribution.

Part of the fleet will leave Singapore on Tuesday morning with relief provisions.

Other ships are standing by to help if necessary, he said.

—United Press.

Four Drowned

Oslo, Dec. 29.

Four people, including a 12-year-old girl, drowned tonight as two cars in which they were travelling crashed through the ice on Randsfjorden Lake, near Oslo. —China Mail Special.

DISCLOSURES

Why he made even these disclosures when matters of secret negotiations had been in the balance is not known.

The disclosures must have

resulted in great damage to

the proposed mission, actually undertaken last week by the Premier's personal envoy, Mr Shlomo Peres, who returned here today.

Whether Mr Peres succeeded

is likely to remain secret, but

by the time he returned Israel's

political crisis had shifted

beyond the original causes.

Eight days of talks between

Mr Ben-Gurion and leaders of

the parties represented in the

government — the Achdut

Haavoda, the United Labour

Party Mapam, the National Re-

ligious Front and the Pro-

gressive Party — have brought

to the surface differences that

have been dormant for many

months. —Reuter.

NEW CLAIM

Trade Union leaders meet

here tomorrow to consider a

proposal to abandon the over-

time embargo and submit a new

pay claim instead.

If a new claim was rejected,

it could then be submitted to

arbitration.

Arbitration is not possible in

the present deadlock because of

legal difficulties arising from the

fact that the Health Service

workers have no dispute with the hospital management, who

agreed to the pay increase. —

Reuter.

Faure In Accident

Paris, Dec. 29.

M. Maurice Faure, French

Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs, and his wife today

escaped uninjured in a car col-

ision in the Lot Department in

southwest France.

M. and Mme. Faure returned

to Paris by the night train.

The occupants of the second

car, a postal official and his wife, suffered from shock and bruises. —Reuter.

Inauguration

Of Garcia

Manila, Dec. 30.

President Carlos P. Garcia

was inaugurated as fourth Pre-

ident of the Philippines Repub-

lic today and pledged to pre-

serve "our historic relations of

friendship" with the United

States.

President Garcia, 61, and the

youngest nationalistic opposition

party, Vice-President Diodado

Abad, 47, both firm friends

of the United States, took oaths

of office at impressive inaugu-

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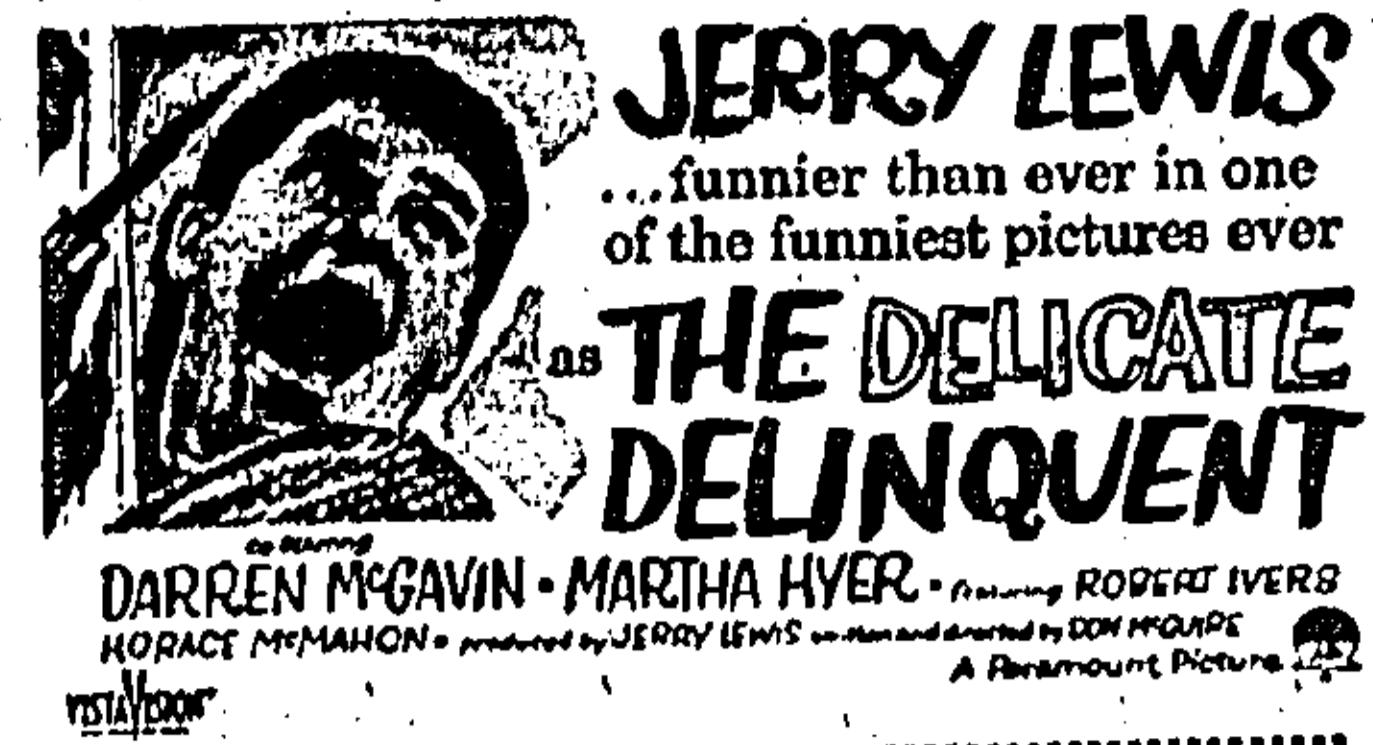
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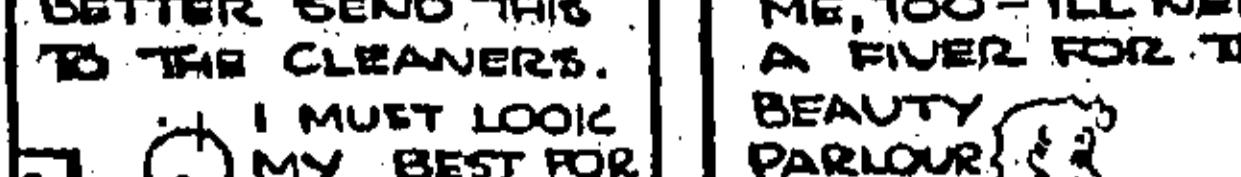
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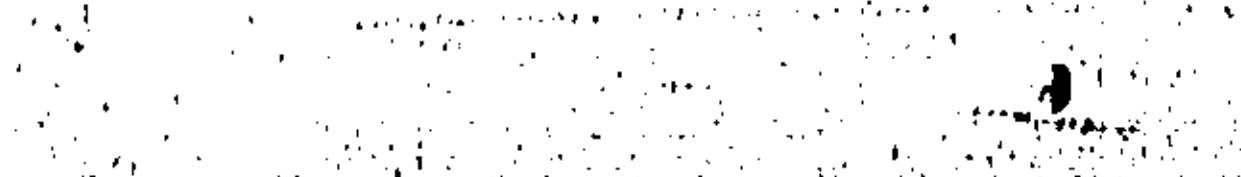
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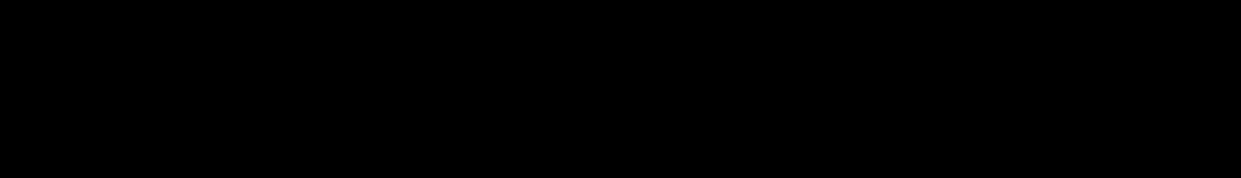
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'Responsibility For Training Doesn't Rest With Govt'

The Future Scientists Of America

Eisenhower's Plan To Encourage US Students

Gettysburg, Dec. 29.

President Eisenhower said today that the main responsibility for improving U.S. scientific education rests with non-federal institutions.

In a letter to president Kevin McCann of Defiance (Ohio) College, the President said that educators seeking to stimulate interest in science and engineering should turn to the government "only for that which they themselves cannot accomplish at all or so well."

The temporary White House here plans to make public tomorrow the Administration's own plan for providing scholarships and other federal incentives to encourage promising high school students to continue their studies in science and mathematics.

According to advances in formation, the programme will call for Federal outlays of from \$200 million to \$300 million a year for a variety of aids. There have been indications that it will face heavy going in Congress from law-makers opposed to all U.S. aids to education.

Before the plan is made public, the President intends to confer with Marion B. Palmer, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, whose Department was primarily responsible for drafting details of the programme.

The Cost

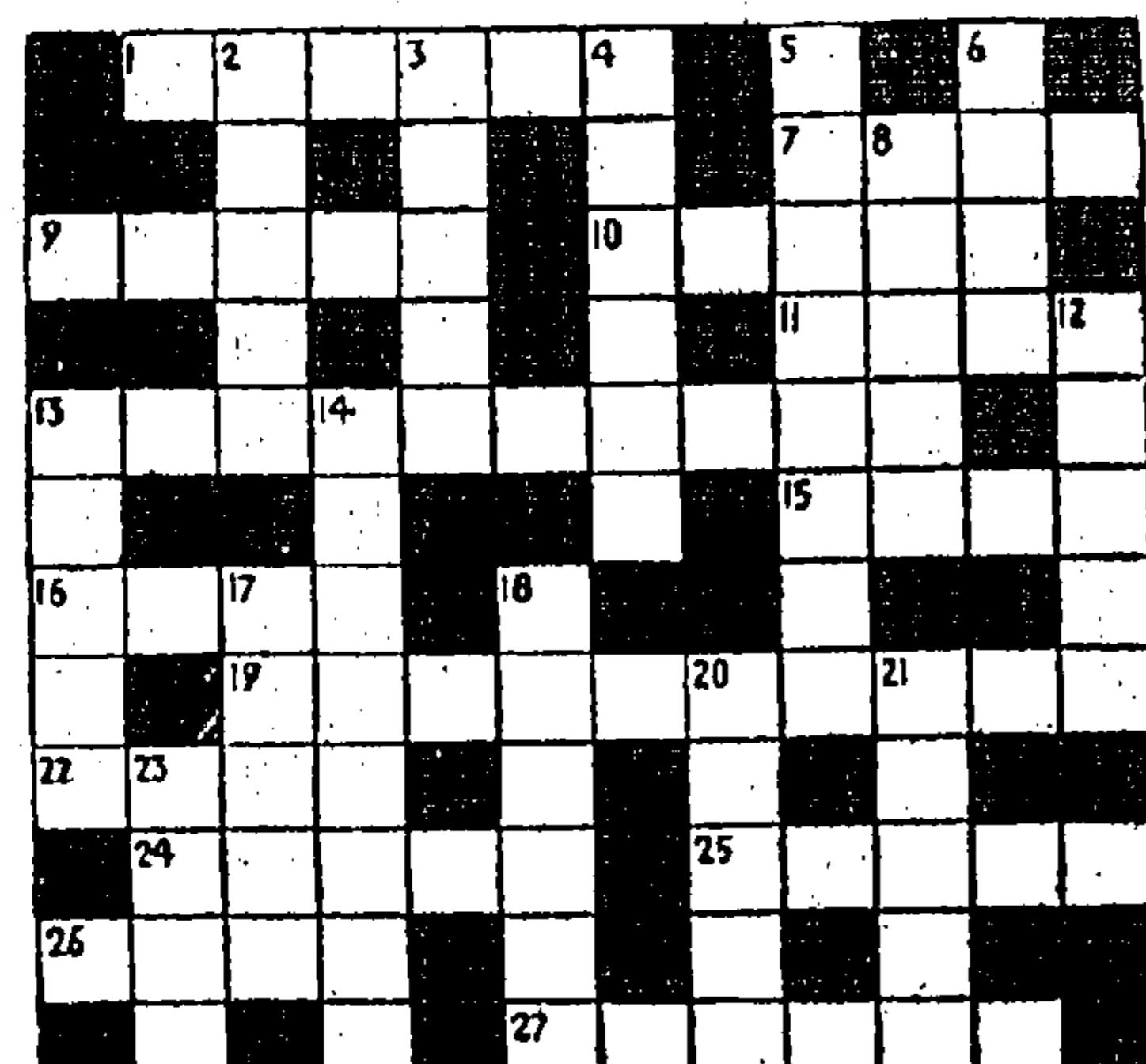
The President will confer on Tuesday with Budget Director Percival Brundage, who must fit the cost of the programme into the Administration's overall spending budget.

The Administration programme was prompted by Soviet satellite-missile successes and by reports that the Russians were ahead of the United States in the production of scientists and engineers.

Unless this gap is narrowed, some educators have predicted, the United States will become a second-class scientific power.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Haugerty denied yesterday that the United States "at this time" is militarily weak compared with Soviet Russia. He disputed published reports that American weakness was the main warning of the so-called secret Galster report.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 1. Name for a girl (6).
 7. May describe order or story (4).
 9. The answer could be a lemon (8).
 10. Perhaps, perhaps (6).
 11. Helpful things (4).
 13. Thoroughbred horses (10).
 15. Nautical base (4).
 16. Study (4).
 18. Be a wet blanket (10).
 22. Try to slim (4).
 24. Give as one's opinion (6).
 25. Religious man (5).
 26. Gambling stake (4).
 27. Formal agreement (6).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 5. Bouncing, 7. Diana, 8. Continue, 10. Editor, 13. Sominol, 15. Ero, 17. Tapore, 18. Janitor, 20. Used, 21. Riptope, 26. Temper, 27. Tidewater, 28. Tango, 29. Dresly. Down: 1. Idles, 2. Maxim, 3. Bacon, 4. Note, 5. Ignore, 6. Greene, 8. Orator, 11. Dugout, 12. Timid, 14. Rarity, 15. Epsom, 16. Irate, 18. Jutted, 19. Noodle, 22. Party, 23. Spine, 24. Epsom, 25. Owls.

Teenagers' 'Mousenik' Rocket Bid Fails

Austin, Minnesota, Dec. 29.

Teen-age high school science students failed today in their attempt to send a mouse to an altitude of more than 2,000 feet by rocket and bring the creature back by parachute.

A test rocket blew up. A second rocket, with the mouse in it, failed to go off due to a fault in the ignition system.

The students, members of the Austin Rocket Society, took the mouse, named Ulysses, back to the high school and said they would try again another time.

No one was hurt in the explosion of the first rocket.—Reuter.

Cold Wave Sweeps US: Heaviest Snowfall In Decade

Chicago, Dec. 29.

One of the heaviest snows in a decade today marooned hundreds of cars, completely burying some of them, on Michigan's Keweenaw peninsula. A sub-zero cold wave froze other parts of the Midwest.

Opposed To Any Pacts And Armaments

Cairo, Dec. 29.
The Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub, said here today that the racial discrimination committee of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference—over which he presides—were not concerned if Soviet Russia carried out nuclear tests.

"But in no way," he added, "do we ignore the constant need and permanent values of general education that enriches our working lives and that enables us to be better citizens of the republic and the world."

The President, who is spending a few days of work and rest at his Gettysburg farm, was up early this morning to work on his State of the Union and other messages he will deliver to Congress after it reconvenes for its second session next week.—United Press.

The Minister was speaking at a press conference.

He had been asked to comment on today's reported Soviet nuclear test, and the visit to Ankara by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, for a Bagdad Pact meeting.

He said: "We are not concerned if Dulles visit Turkey or Russia conducts nuclear tests."

Mr. Mahgoub, asked whether the committee discussed the recent racial incidents at Little Rock, Arkansas, over school integration said: "Yes, we discussed this and viewed it with great concern."—Reuter.

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Negotiations With Russia: Ike's Govt Criticised

New York, Dec. 29.
Veteran Socialist Norman Thomas criticised the Eisenhower Administration tonight for what he called its negative attitude toward negotiations with the Russians.

The Socialist Party leader said negotiations with the Soviet Union would be "very difficult." But he urged that the United States consider negotiating on the three cold war issues of disarmament, the Middle East and Germany.

Mr. Thomas made the proposal in a report on his recent trip to the Middle East on the CBS television programme "Face of the Nation."

He called President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "two tired old men." He said there is a complete lack of common sense in the way the Administration has failed to see how the major cold war problems are interrelated.

"I think we made an enormous mistake in not proposing sincerely what Bulgaria and company may have proposed instead," Mr. Thomas said. He apparently referred to recent Russian overtures to the Afro-Asian nations meeting in Cairo.

He said the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine was presented in "a military-sounding way" and in the current psychological climate of Pan-Arabism in the Middle East "does harm rather than good."—United Press.

FISHERMAN'S GRUESOME CATCH: AN INFANT'S BODY

Hereford, Dec. 29.
A fisherman angling in the river Wye here this afternoon found the body of six-week-old Christopher Vincent, who vanished yesterday with his pram from outside a Hereford shop.

The angler hooked the body as it floated under water and held on to it shouting to police searching the river bank nearby.

An officer waded in to recover it.

The body was picked up about a mile and a quarter from where the boy's empty pram was found by the river last night a short while after it had been taken from outside the shop the mother was visiting in a busy Hereford street.

POLICE HUNT

About 100 police and troops joined in the general hunt for the baby last night. At daybreak today they were joined by three frogmen and by a big party of civilian volunteers led by the city major, Mr. Roy Blackler.

The soldiers came from a nearby camp, where the baby's father is a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery.

A woman who went to the Hereford police station last night to help in inquiries was still there today.—Chalon Mall Special.

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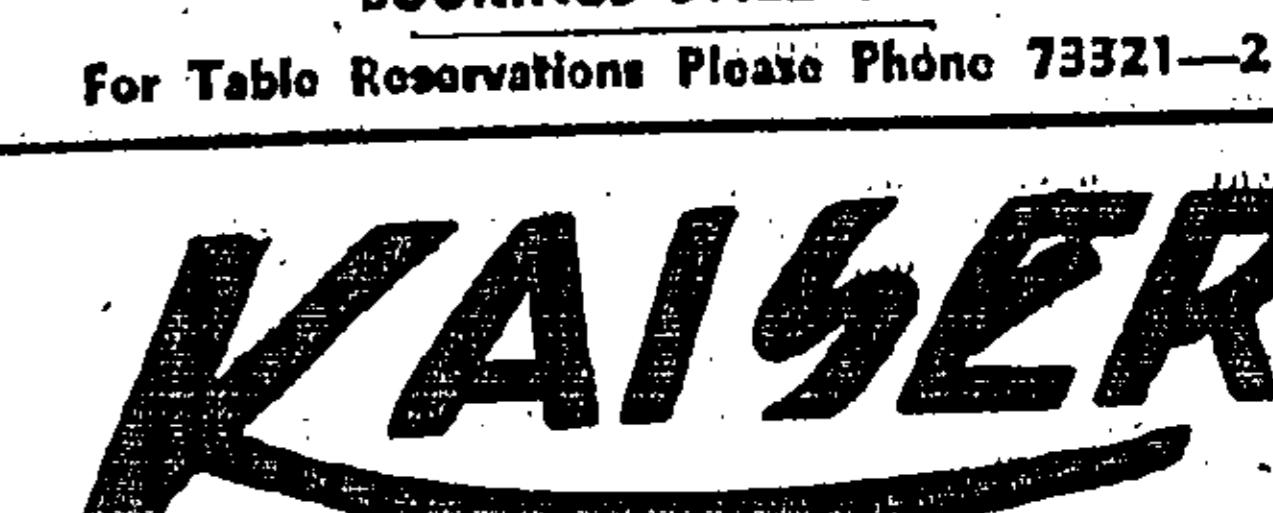
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Abominable Snowman

VERY MUCH LIKE BIG MONKEY WITHOUT TAIL'

Kathmandu, Dec. 29.
A Sherpa tribesman today described the "Abominable Snowman" which he claims broke into his mill and ate his flour.
 The Sherpa — Phurpa by name — arrived here on Friday to ask government help in preventing the Yeti or "Abominable Snowman" from getting into his mill.
 He said the Yeti was "very much like a big monkey without a tail." It was about nine feet high, and its body was covered by long grey hair, except the face into which the eyes were deeply sunk, he said.
 It walked both like a human, and like a monkey, but when it ran, it went very fast, like a man.

Room At The Top For Mr. Small

WHAT are those pencil marks, those notches made by pen knives on the doors of England? Secret signs? Red Indian talk? No. Merely the traces left by proud parents measuring the height of their growing sons and daughters.

The national consciousness about stature is as intense as hereditary factors as Mrs Cook suggested. Just as we inherit blue or brown eyes we also inherit a "growing centre." This centre is located just below the brain and is called the pituitary gland. It manufactures among other things a growth hormone.

It varies

Ten-year-old Tommy Cook was no phenomenon. He was on the short side, that is all. But Mrs Cook was worried.

"I'd rather he became a Guardsman than a jockey," she said. "Everything seems to be going up nowadays except Tommy."

A child's rate of growth varies from year to year. In fact, young Tommy was due for a rise. Boys, like girls, suddenly shoot upwards when they reach 11-plus.

"Yes," Mrs Cook nodded, "my husband was called Half-Cook when he was Tommy's age. Now, when he's sitting down behind a bar people think he's standing up."

Children nowadays are taller than their parents or their grandparents were at an equivalent age. Strangely, though, the average adult height of Englishmen has hardly increased at all over the last century.

"This is because boys frequently cease to grow by the time they are 19, whereas their grandfathers still had to take a different size in clothes up to the age of 25," I explained.

Also, modern girls generally stop growing at 17, whereas those luscious beauties in bustles we see in faded photographs, continued skyward until they were old women of 21.

"All parents can still expect their children to grow tall, though," Mrs Cook added.

Every child is born with a potential height. And this

Experimentally this hormone has been injected into young rats and, as a result, they have grown startlingly.

Of course nutrition, too, has its part to play. That's why the children of 1957 are a bigger lot than their Victorian counterparts.

"When Tommy was a tot," said Mrs Cook, "he wasn't a bit small for his age."

"No need to worry then," I said.

Compensations

A girl just over two years has already reached half her adult height. In the same way a boy just under three will also double his stature by the time he reaches maturity.

In any case, shortness of stature has its compensations. Those below average height often become mentally mature before their big-towering companions. This helps to give them such a start in the world that many a six-footer never overtakes them.

"This may explain why many leaders of men are on the short side," I said.

There's always room at the top for short people. Remember Nelson and Napoleon. Think of film stars like Alan Ladd and James Cagney. Footballers like Alex James and Tommy Lawrence. Think: would Winston Churchill or Gandhi have been the men they were if they didn't have the dynamism that goes with shorter people? Yet parents want their children tall.

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On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the
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Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from
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By Order of the Stewards
A. E. ARNOLD
Secretary.

JARDINES PUT ARMY IN JEOPARDY

Soldiers Without A Fighting Spirit

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The once mighty Army are now really in trouble. Yesterday at the Club Stadium they gave another uninspired display and were decisively and deservedly beaten by newly-promoted Jardines, by 5 goals to 2.

It was a sadly dispirited and disillusioned collection of soldiers who trooped off the field at the end of the game. They have come to the time when past reputations have to be forgotten and facts have to be faced.

Vital points are being lost and unless something changes soon the Army are going to find it in real relegation trouble. The soldiers' performance in this game was a long way below First Division standard and there is not the slightest doubt they were beaten by a better team. Jardines were enterprising, lively, and willing to try something little unorthodox. They owing the ball about to good purpose and there was a progressive spirit in the side that was sadly lacking among the apathetic soldiers.

Jardines had a grand centre-half in Hsu Ping-sang, two intelligent foraging inside forwards in Fung Kee-leung and Cheung Yui-wai, and a lively purposeful leader in Kwok Moon-wah.

On the other hand the soldiers lacked one really commanding personality. Some of the players did clever things on occasion, but their efforts were never sustained for very long and all too frequently they were punctuated with expensive errors.

A Peculiar Game

MacNicol had a peculiar game. He had little chance with the goals that he lost but again he showed indecision in when to advance from his goal. In this game he got such poor support from the men in front of him that he cannot really be criticised and he got several painful knocks in the course of the play.

Hindmarsh and Woodcock were uncertain full backs and they never gave the impression that they could pin down the lively Jardines wingers. Poole was again the best of the Army half-backs and he was very timid in his marking. The half-back drive tipped over the bar by goalkeeper Tam Woon-cheuk—but it was a grand save!

The Army forward line was again a big disappointment. The re-introduction of Richardson at inside forward was certainly an improvement and it was no fault of the big fellow that his side went down to an ignominious defeat. MacDowell also worked hard, but I'm sure he would be much happier away from the restricted rôle of the centre-forward. Cunnings started off quite well but in the interval just before the interval he promoted some intelligent moves but later he faded out of the picture... and in this he joined Williams and Sneddon who were never really in it.

The Jardines officials must have taken a lot of pleasure and satisfaction from this victory for, quite apart from the natural awesomeness of success, they have now placed themselves in a very comfortable position in the League.

The Hongkong crowds somehow do not take too kindly to the studied methods of lanky Fung Kee-leung, but I should imagine the opposition seen his thoughtful work and his accurate distribution in a very different light. In this game he was the brains behind almost every Jardines attack and some of his passing was a delight to watch. In while Kwok Moon-wah he had the ideal attacking partner while little Cheung Yui-wah in the inside-left position had both the strength and the self-confidence to carry the ball forward... and he was no respecter of reputation. Hero he gave Mendum as tough and uncomfortable an afternoon as the soldier had had in a long time.

The real strength of the Jardines side however was built around centre-half Hsu Ping-sang and in this game he was in a desperate sort of way, tremendous. When he was in difficulties he had only one idea and that was to clear his lines:

Summons (5/6th), Connor (scrum half) and Lenihan (outside centre).

Only real surprise is the preference of Summons at 5/6th instead of R. Harvey. Summons has shown so far on the tour as an attacking player, but looks Harvey's coldly.

Lechenh, at 10, is one of the youngest players in the side and though brought over as a fullback he has shown such good form in the centre that his selection is no surprise.

Thornett has played only two games on the tour so far. Suffering from jaundice when the Wallabies arrived, we did not play his first game until Boxing Day—Stewart.

Cawley had a poor game. The big pivot was never happy against the bustling, bristling Kwok Moon-wah and he was directly responsible for two of the goals. It's difficult to point just where this likable giant has suddenly gone off the soccer rails. My own impression is that he's trying to work off the effects of a chronic injury without fully appreciating how much of the edge has been taken off the ball.

I think too there is probably a great deal in the suggestion that he is too gentlemanly in his approach to his pivotal duties. He's a big fellow but he seems to be a little reluctant to use his physical attributes to their best advantage.

The Army defence was in early trouble and when Mendum failed to stop a left flank burst in the 12th minute, Cheung Yui-wah raced ahead to put his side in front with a great shot which left MacNicol helpless. Five minutes later Cawley got caught in two minds, did the wrong thing, and Kwok Moon-wah was round him in a flash and MacNicol was again collecting the ball from the back of the net.

Sometimes his clearances didn't look too constructive but they were effective and he was a grand keystone in a hard-working if occasionally shaky defence.

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A Great Chance

The Army had a great chance to score when the ball broke clear to Sneddon, but from six yards the winger sent the ball tamely wide of the far post... and a couple of minutes later two soldiers completely missed their kick as they stood in front of an open goal.

Jardines immediately scampered to the other end and Kwok Moon-wah caught the defence wide open as he cracked in another goal for his side.

Richardson had been catching the eye in the Army attack and in the 27th minute he got his reward when he dribbled his way round several opponents before cracking the ball into the net. The soldiers had their best spell after this but although they launched several attacks they failed to score again and the interval score-sheet read: Jardines 3, Army 1.

It took Jardines just seven minutes to increase their lead and again it was little Cheung Yui-wah who profited from a misplaced pass by Mendum to beat MacNicol for the fourth time.

This at last stung the soldiers into some hostile retaliation and they gave us their only piece of sustained combination of the game. When Richardson split the Jardines defence with a grand through pass, MacDowell ran on to it and beat Tam Woon-cheuk—all ends up... and strangely enough the Army side immediately downed tools and crawled back into their shells.

Poole did have one fine shot turned over the bar by Jardines, but it took the full strength of the woodwork of the crossbar to stop a Mendum rocket... and a beautiful Fung header met the same fate at the other end.

Ten minutes from the end little leftwinger Lau Yee-ku'en turned up unexpectedly on the right wing.... caught the Army defence at panic stations, and slipped the ball really between MacNicol and the post to finish the scoring.

Their passing was crisp and rather like good forwarding, and with Tuncok and Valentine in front of them they seemed to find the opening.

For once the Club pack fell into nothing on its job and with next to nothing of the ball the three could never get their attack into high gear.

Swindley in the forwards played a very fine game, but the rest, although they held the Police in the loose, pack, were unable to take their time in getting to the ball, while the three, looking better than last week, still seemed to be feeling the effect of the Christmas festivities.

Cunningham, Walker and Hinde were the Police stalwarts with Johnstone turning in his usual fine game.

The only score of the match came in the eighth minute when Valentine picked up a loose ball, Johnstone tumbled, and Valentine following up fast, got the ball and crossed it well across the dead ball line.

There was a drop-out on the 22nd and the ball was cleared and swept it back to the same spot where

SPORTING SAM



by Reg. Wootton

SATURDAY'S RUGBY

Club "B" Beat Police To Pull Themselves Up From The Bottom Of The Table

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon, Brigade, who eventually beat Navy by 19 points (2 goals, 3 tries) to 3 points (1 try) had to borrow two men from without the Navy stalwarts to make up its XV.

In the other matches Club "B" pulled themselves from the bottom of the pre-Christmas Tournament Table with a well deserved if narrow win over the Police by 3 points (1 penalty goal) to 5 points (1 goal).

Garrison, although playing throughout with only four men, proved to be too powerful for RAF Mainland, whom they beat by 24 points (3 goals, 3 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a rather scrappy

match. The final pre-Christmas Tournament Table is now printed below, and the result promises some exciting matches in the Pentangular Tournament which begins next week:

Club "A" P W D L F A Pts.
Club "B" 14 12 0 2 231 50 24
Police 13 8 1 4 182 54 17
48 Brigade 13 8 1 4 182 54 17
RAF Island 13 8 0 5 127 110 16
Navy 13 2 1 10 64 175 5
Club "B" 12 2 1 9 62 165 12
RAF Main. 14 1 1 10 62 162 3

The Police were penalised for off-side, and Miller converted, making it look terribly simple. 3-0.

Club "B" converted for off-side half time. O'Kelly converted for off-side to make the half time score 5-3 in favour of the Islanders.

In the second half Club settled down better and O'Kelly put them in the lead when he dropped a goal from 25 yards when the ball was in the air. O'Kelly converted. 11-3.

Brigade shone throughout in the loose, but had to be content with shared honours in the scrums and lineouts, but this extra possession of the ball gave them all the chances they needed.

Shortly after O'Kelly broke through from a scrum on the 50th and sent Daigle over near the posts. O'Kelly converted. 12-3.

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The Brigade threes passed raggedly at times, but the Navy threes were not on a par with them, and their passing needs tightening up.

Muntz and Wynn were outstanding in the loose for the Brigade, while Haddock also did extremely well in the threes.

Navy tried hard, but though enthusiastic moves settled down into a comfortable team, and their attacks would have been better had the back up been stronger.

This is a common fault with Navy XV's who seldom get the chance to practise steadily together and there is no answer whatsoever to this problem.

Watson opened the scoring for the Navy XV's who seldom get the chance to practise steadily together and then ran into trouble when they fielded a drop goal from 25 yards.

Watson converted the next drop goal after a good break through by Daigle, and finally Brock went over the posts from a five-yard scrum. No conversion 24-3.

Seconds later Morten picked up a loose ball near the Navy 22 and sent Corr over. Horton converted 8-3.

In the second half Navy began to attack steadily but it was Brigade who had the best chance to score a good 60-yard run. Soon after a forward move by Daigle, Brock went over the ball and sent O'Kelly over. O'Kelly converted 16-3.

Symes scored the final try when he joined in a good three move by Brigade and crossed the line well out. No conversion 18-3.

TWO UPSETS AT KING'S PARK

Italy's Speedboat Champion Killed In Practice Run

Miami, Florida, Dec. 29. Italy's speedboat champion Ezio Selva was killed when his hydroplane overturned at about 100 miles an hour today during the second heat of an International Grand Prix event here.

More than 20,000 spectators saw Selva's hydroplane "Maserotterie" leap out of the water stand on its stern and roll over directly in front of the judges' stand.

Selva, 56, was struck on the head by the cowling. He died before reaching hospital.

Hydroplane Champion of Europe, Selva, a native of Milan, told friends before the start of the event: "This is my last race."

Officials cancelled the race after learning that Selva had died.—Reuter.

Sports Diary TODAY

Rugby
FARELL Rugger Semi-Finals at Army Ground, Boundary Street, 3 p.m.
Soccer
Interport Cup Final, All Hongkong v. Wacker of H.K. Stadium, 3.15 p.m.
Racing
First Day, Sixth Race Meeting, Happy Valley, Noon.
Road Racing
Annual International Harrier Road Race, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

All-India Tennis Championship

Calcutta, Dec. 29. Ulf Schmidt of Sweden, today reached the final of the All-India Men's Tennis Men's Singles Championship when he beat Naresh Kumar, India's Number 2 player, 3-6, 8-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

Italian Players Take Pep Drugs?

Italian footballers are reported to have injections of pep drugs.

It is said that it is common practice for players to carry on the hypodermic syringes on themselves to inject vitamins and boosters on doctors' orders.

The story is told of the side that at half-time in a match looked like being well beaten. In the second half, they came out and played like madmen. Two of the opposition players were hurt by bad fouls, but nothing worried them. They were more like machines than men.

Later it was discovered what had happened. The team had all been given dope at half-time. They called it a 'pep-drug', but it was given by injection.

The next day all the team suffered from the reactions to the drug. They were told to drink pints and pints of milk to try to clear the dope from their systems. — London Express Service.

Powerful And Favoured PI Dodgers Beaten 6-0 By USS "Gurke" Side

By "TIME OUT"

Once again your softball scribe is forced to eat humble pie as quite contrary to expectations two upsets highlighted the week-end games at King's Park. I doff my cap in sweeping salutes, firstly to the "John Bulls" of the local diamond, the indomitable Austers of Shatin who sweated out a 10-9 victory over the War Eagles in a Junior League fixture and secondly to the gobs of the USS "Gurke" who shut-out the powerful and favoured PI Dodgers 6-0 in a Senior League game yesterday.

Congratulations also go to the Athletics' Olive Yuen who tossed her side to a 23-0 victory over the Overseas girls, facing only 15 batters in her five-inning stretch on the mound and let us not forget the Hongkong University lads who though losing to the Seminoles 14-0 never gave up trying to score a face-saving run to avoid a shut-out.

Fans were let down no end when the Pandas played truants at game time and being short a man had to forfeit their Senior League match to the Warriors.

Despite making more fielding errors than the lessers, Dave Cooper's Austers managed to edge out the War. Eagles by a solitary run in a Junior League game. The Eagle had been favoured to repeat their first round victory, but the Austers jumped into a big lead in the first frame, scoring 7 runs on a single hit.

Broke Deadlock

The Eagles trailed by 2 runs in the 5th inning but Cooper's boys managed to break the 0-all deadlock in the bottom of the seventh to win the game. Left-handed Ford led off with a rousing triple to right-field and stayed at third. Skipper Cooper popped up for the first out and when Marsten's grounder was fumbled by the Eagles' second baseman, Ford scampered across the plate for the Austers' winning run.

The biggest shock of the day however was reserved for the benefit of Fred Dicla's Dodgers in the Sunday morning Senior League game. Behind the two-hitter of Navy pitcher Vildibill, the US Navy wrested the Pennant hopes of the Dodgers with a brilliant 6-0 shut-out triumph. The Navy faced David Malig on the mound as regular hurler Vic Pedroso was not available.

Both sides played cautiously in the first three innings with the result that neither side could score any headway and the scoreboard recorded a succession of zeroes until the Navy got going in the top of the fourth.

In this inning the Navy opened the scoring when Plinkney worked for a free ticket to first and when Tildorf banged out a double to left-field, the Dodgers' gardener "Gato" Remedios suddenly became all thumbs.

Even as Remedios was groping for the ball Plinkney stepped over the home plate for the Navy's first run of the game. Tildorf coming to a stop at third. Lane's rasping single to

the top of the fifth inning.

A Free Pass

In this frame, Dubose after a free pass and a stolen base scored on Gilmore's hit which went past shortstop Souza. Plinkney slammed out an insurance hit which once again caught Souza on the wrong foot and run number five was put up on the scoreboard when Souza threw wild to first after fielding Lane's grounder.

Lane stopping at second, Gauthier slid out to left-field to end the inning.

Ful of confidence, Vildibill kept puzzling the Dodgers with his treksy pitching and in the last three innings, from the bottom of the fifth to the end of the seventh, only nine Dodger batters faced Vildibill and went down in one-two-three order. The Navy added an insurance run through Bennett in the top of the sixth to put the game on ice for the sailors.

The form of the US Navy was a revelation after last week's poor showing against the Warriors and if the "Gurke" remains in town for the next few weeks and the gobs dish up the type of softball that made them such worthy winners over the Dodgers they will ring up many more victories.

For the US Navy Vildibill with his 2-hit pitching and Lane for his 2-in-4 batting effort were outstanding, but team-work played an important part in the Navy victory.

For the Dodgers, Malig tried very hard but the main reason for their defeat lay in their over-anxiety to swing indiscriminately at every pitch, costing their way when a little patience might have paid dividends.

Readers are now advised that the game between the Association Officials and the Ladies' All Stars originally scheduled for New Year's Day has been cancelled. In closing, I take this opportunity of extending to all scribblers and fans this column's good wishes for a very Happy New Year.



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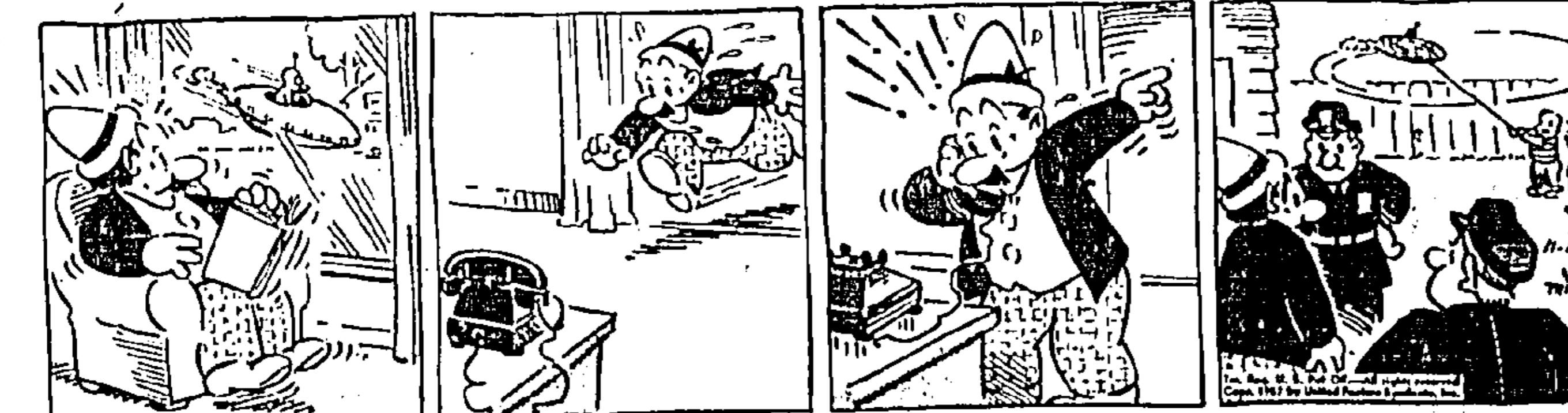
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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Electronic Age

In this article THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF HALSBURY sketches the present frontiers of the world of electronics highlighting the achievements of an industry which is making an ever-increasing contribution to Britain's export drive.

THE electron is an incredibly minute particle of matter which carries an electric charge. For all its minuteness however the electron is the basis for most electrical phenomena, known to or exploited by human beings.

Electrons have a close affinity for matter. They are difficult to detach from it and quickly re-associate themselves with it if given an opportunity to do so. They are in fact the basis for all the chemical and physical properties of the materials with which we are familiar.

It was at first only in a high vacuum, where matter is so rarefied that its constituent atoms are far apart from one another, that electrons had an opportunity to exhibit their own versatility. The word 'electronics' thus came into being to cover the behaviour of electrons in a vacuum. Just think what all this led to! The diode rectifier is the basis for the high voltage D.C. that operates our radio and television sets. The triode valve with its variants—the tetrode, pentode and others—is the basis for the amplifiers which make possible the radio, gramophone, and television receivers.

RESIDUAL.

If but a little residual gas, such as argon or mercury vapour, is admitted into the hard vacuum in which electrons normally work, we get so-called 'soft' devices such as the thyatrons which are used for current control in theatre lighting, and the great mercury arc rectifiers through which current is supplied to electric railways.

These devices are only a beginning. Specialised to travel in geometrically straight paths, electrons in our service give us the cathode-ray tube and its brother the television tube. Its first cousin, the electron microscope, is an invaluable tool for the scientist. It shows the physicist and the metallurgist details of the structure of materials. It shows the doctor the structure of living cells, and the viruses that cause disease.

If we couple of movement of electrons to the variations of an electromagnetic field we get a whole range of devices which are the general basis for radar. Another type of coupling gives us the betatron used to generate super-high-energy electrons with which the properties of atomic nuclei are explored. Its far-off, humble ancestor, the X-ray tube, has been a standard feature in the hospital for two generations past.

All these are examples of what is now the fashion to call 'external' electronics. They depend upon electrons flying about in almost empty spaces guided in their trajectories by externally applied fields of electric or magnetic force. There is, however, another side to the story. In most forms of matter electrons are bound and unable to move; in metals they are free to move about. That is why we use metal wires to conduct electricity.

INTERESTING.

There exists, however, an interesting class of materials in which electrons are very nearly, but not quite, free to move. These are the semi-conductors whose electrons can be freed by various kinds of local disturbance. On them depends as a rule our supply of free electrons for the vacuum.

They provide the emission surfaces of the cathodes upon which all devices in external electronics ultimately depend. They provide the light-sensitive surfaces on which photoelectric cells, television cameras and receivers must not be thought of merely as adjuncts of the entertainment industry: they are the present and future basis for remote control of dangerous or impossible processes such as the manufacture of explosives, the inspection of nuclear reactors, and the examination of the ocean's bed.

Recent developments in this field are not connected with the properties of surfaces but with those of solids. They have given us the crystal rectifier and its transformer. The latter, tiny plates of crystalline junctions, is rapidly replacing thermionic valves in, for example, electronic cameras.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

America Looks Forward With Optimism

US Economy: A Forecast For 1958

A Big Job Lies Ahead, Say American Business Experts

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 29. The U.S. economy approached the year-end in a period of consolidation beset by fears and uncertainties as to when the three-year-old boom will regain its momentum.

Most experts forecast a period of slackening business activity over first half 1958, followed by a pickup over the next six months. Not a few experts see the business upturn being postponed to as late as 1959, however.

One is looking for a cataclysmic depression of the 1930's. The general feeling is that in a sense 1958 will be one of the most prosperous recessions in history.

The consensus of experts is that the economy is likely to end the year at high levels, possibly even surprising the 1957 levels.

Spending for durable goods may not be long or pronounced, but the adjustment will not be severe enough to cause any major downward spiral in production of employment.

The big job ahead, in the view of the experts, is to reverse the downward trend which took root in August and to restore business and consumer confidence which got a terrible jolt in recent months under a heavy barrage of gloomy business news.

Businessmen are counting heavily on a number of factors to offset expected declines in capital spending, a further reduction in inventories and a possible drop in exports.

Such are the origin, nature, accomplishments, and opportunities of a great and growing industry, an industry which already exports billions of dollars of goods every year.

Upon its inventories and craftsman the well-being of our other industries will increasingly depend. —London Calling.

World Demand Boosts Rolls-Royce Sales

London.

THE Rolls-Royce success story of making the world's best-known cars is made to appear almost like a sideline by the company's aircraft engine business. British aircraft engine exports for the first nine months of this year were worth about £22 million. Rolls-Royce accounted for about half this figure.

In the civil field, 632 of the 1,138 jet or jet-prop airliners either in service or on order in the world (outside Russia) will be Rolls-Royce engines.

Militarily Rolls-Royce engines are used by 21 air forces. And besides exports, nearly 5,000 jet engines of Rolls-Royce design have been made in America under licence.

BRITAIN'S EXAMPLE.

RECENTLY the Russian magazine 'Wings of Fatherland' featured a magnificent cut-away illustration of Britain's Napier Eland turbo-prop engine.

There is nothing particularly secret about this civil engine, which is used in the new Fairley helicopter-airliner.

The drawing was used to illustrate an article on turbo-prop. Strange British engines have some like turbo-prop of their own. Perhaps they do not want to publish drawings of them yet.

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At high levels, possibly even surprising the 1957 levels. Spending for durable goods may decline, particularly over the first six months of 1958.

Auto and steel—the steel operating rate has declined from 98 per cent in the first quarter to 78 per cent at year-end. The sharp drop in the operating rate stemmed from a reversal in customer inventory policy from building to reducing throughout the second half of the year. In recent months, steel shipments have fallen about 10 per cent below actual consumption.

STEEL USE

Total production for 1957 is estimated at about 113,000,000 tons, below the 115,000,000 tons turned out in 1956.

Steel use over the first half of 1958 is expected to decline from the 1957 pace, and inventory cutting will probably be maintained well into 1958, with a continued restraining effect on production.

Steel production next year will probably be in the range of 110,000,000 tons.

The big question in steel is

the auto industry—use of

about 24 per cent of steel's

output. Auto sales for 1957

have been somewhat disappoint-

ing, estimated at about 8.0 to

8.1 million, about equal to 1955.

The failure of the industry to

continue its growth pattern

weighed heavily on the generally

lower business statistics.

Chambers—the industry

which set new records in 1957,

is expected to hit new peaks in

1958. Total value of production in 1957 rose 7 per cent to 75 billion, but because of price increases, the overall gain in physical output amounted to no more than 2 per cent.

Money rates—interest rates

hit new 24-year-highs this year,

but are expected to ease in 1958,

particularly in the event the

decline in economic activity

becomes more pronounced.

The Federal Reserve Board

last November lowered its

discount rate—the rate charged

to member banks and as such

considered a strong inflation-

deflation weapon—from 3 1/2 to

3 per cent.

This was the first time since

1954 that the Board had taken

any steps to ease the tight rea-

son. It has held on the supply of

more money and credit. Many

see the Board as possibly being

forced to take additional moves

to ease credit, such as furnish-

ing member banks with

additional excess reserves or by

lowering reserve requirements.

PRODUCTION

Industrial production—a de-

cline of from 2 to 3 per cent

over the next few months is the

general forecast. There is a

good chance of a pickup once

excessive inventories—mostly in

such fields as newsprint,

petroleum, steel and non-

ferrous metals—are worked off.

The feeling is general that in

1958 there will be a year

that will compare favourably

with the current economy. At

the beginning of 1957, the index

of industrial production stood at

140 of the 1947-49 average.

It has deteriorated steadily since

the spring, so that the average

gain in production probably

will amount to just a little more

than one per cent, considerably

below the 3 to 4 per cent annual

growth rate in 1957.

Consumer spending—the fore-

cast is for an increase of from

5 to 10 billion over the esti-

mated outlay of 250 for 1957.

Major industries are

scheduled for another round of

wage negotiations next year,

notably in trucking, aircraft,

auto, apparel and textiles. Ex-

perts look for a rise of 8 to 10

cents an hour, plus certain

fringe benefits. This will be

offset in part by an increase in

work-week and an increase in

employment. Overstating pay

will be the actual non-existent

consideration.

Unemployment is now

expected to hold

around 3,225,000.

Business was done in the local

unofficial exchange market this

morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar at \$1.51

Swiss francs (per £1) 1.34.40

Australian dollar (per £1) 1.24.40

Canadian dollar (per £1) 1.24.40

Singapore (sterling) 1.24.40

French franc (per £1) 1.24.40

German mark (per £1) 1.24.40

Italian lira (per £1) 1.24.40

Irish pound (per £1) 1.24.40</

US BLAMED FOR LOSS OF PLANE ORDER

Macmillan Urged To Approach Eisenhower

London, Dec. 30. A spate of press reports and editorials here today alleged that American diplomatic pressure compelled the West German Government to turn down an order for a British rocket-jet fighter.

MANHUNT FOR BARBER

Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 29. Federal, state and county officers maintained an alert today for a barber and his young friend wanted in connection with a double killing in a Washington nightclub.

But the FBI here said there were no new leads in the search which centred in the area last night.

Henry Clay Overton, 44, described as a diabetic who needs at least 15 units of insulin daily, and Wayne Carpenter, 22, apparently fled Washington after the shooting, in which a nightclub owner and a hillbilly musician were killed.

Overton left Washington without his insulin supply or his hypodermic needle and the FBI has asked all druggists in the area to be alert for either of the men.—United Press.

DOWNED PILOT RESCUED

Yokosuka, Dec. 29. The US Navy announced one of two Navy pilots forced to ditch their planes at sea off the eastern coast of Japan has been rescued.

He was spotted about 200 miles southeast of the Island of Shikoku by two Navy search crafts and the Navy destroyer USS Frank Knox.

A Navy spokesman said that the pilot, whose name was not immediately available, "was cold and wet" but that his condition was "not critical."

CONTINUING

Meanwhile, the spokesman said, the search for the second pilot is being continued. The pilot, both in twin-jet "Bathurst" fighters, left the US Naval Air Station at Atsugi, Japan, about 25 miles southwest of Tokyo, for the US aircraft carrier *Kearsarge*. — United Press.

Funfair Grenade

Paris, Dec. 29. Two Algerians tossed a grenade at a rifle stand at a fun fair tonight in Place De La Bastille in the east end of Paris, injuring six people.

The assailants escaped.—Reuter.

Newspapers called for "plain speaking" with the United States Government and urged Mr Harold Macmillan to protest personally to President Eisenhower.

The Saunders Roe Company hoped to obtain an order worth upwards of £100 million for its 1,500-mile-an-hour SR.177.

But the West German Government has decided not to order the fighter and Saunders Roe have scrapped the project.

Between 1,000 and 2,000 workers at the company's factories on the Isle of Wight are to be sacked as a result.

Protest Meeting

A protest meeting, attended by leaders from all walks of life on the island, is to be held on Wednesday and is expected to send a deputation to Mr Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

National newspapers today published angry stories and comments under such headings as "Germans Wanted Our Plane — US Won by Easy Terms" and "We Must Know The Truth."

The News Chronicle's Defence Correspondent, in a story splashed across seven columns on the front page, asserted: "The truth is that Germany preferred the 177 to any of the three other possibilities — the French Mirage, and the United States Grumman Tiger and Lockheed F.104 Starfighter."

"But American high-pressure salesmanship offering completely unrealistic payment terms and interest rates forced the turn-down of the British plane."

Scrutiny

In an editorial comment, the News Chronicle (Liberal) declared that nobody can blame the Americans for doing everything to sell their aircraft abroad "but American power salesmanship has reached a point requiring the closest scrutiny by Britain."

Calling for the "plainest speaking" with the United States, the News Chronicle urged Mr Macmillan to "take up the matter at highest level with the Americans."

It added: "This kind of trading is no way to run an alliance."

The Daily Herald (Labour) declared in a front page editorial that it is being said that "heavy and prolonged diplomatic pressure" from the United States compelled West Germany to turn down the SR.177.

It added: "If this is true—and so far there has been no denial from Washington—then it is a pitiful commentary on the way the British Government defends the British workers."

The right-wing Daily Sketch called for "plain talk with the Americans" as to whether there was high pressure US intervention.

The political correspondent of the Daily Express said British politicians believe the SR.177 was "shot down" by American super-salesmanship combined with political pressure.

Two Injured In Road Mishaps

An eight-year-old girl, Lai Kam-ien, living at Hut No. 20, Sai Seng Street, Fu Mei Village, was knocked down by a lorry in Argyle Street, near Fortar Street, at about 10.20 a.m. yesterday.

The injured girl was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

A 59-year-old man, Chung Fu, was struck and seriously injured by a lorry in Des Voeux Road West, near Eastern Street, shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The injured man, who lives at No. 100, Des Voeux Road West, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

CIVIC ASSN COMMITTEE SCRUTINY

At the first meeting of the new General Committee of the Civic Association the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. F. F. Woo; Vice-Chairman, Mr. K. B. Allport; Mr. C. C. Li; Mr. P. A. L. Vine; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. V. S. Mamak; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Cheong-Lee; Hon. Deputy Secretary, Dr. Peter C. Y. Lee.

Dr. Coo Seng-poy was also co-opted to the General Committee.

Other members of the General Committee are:

Mr. Christopher Carr, Mr. Sonny Castro, Mr. Chan Yuet-ting, Mr. Chang Kuo-sin, Mr. Cheung Wai-ting, Mr. Li Yiu-keung, Mr. Sydney Liu, Miss A. A. Unthank, Mr. Ernest Wong, Mr. Ronald Yuen.

HK Residents Married

Manila, Dec. 30. Two Hongkong residents, Norman Soong and his bride, the former Delta Lee, were married here yesterday first at a civil ceremony, then at the Protestant Central Church.

The couple will return to Hongkong soon for their honeymoon.

Mr Soong is chief of Pan Asia News Agency and his bride was former Civil Air Transport flight stewardess. — France Presse.

RIL SHIP STILL AGROUND

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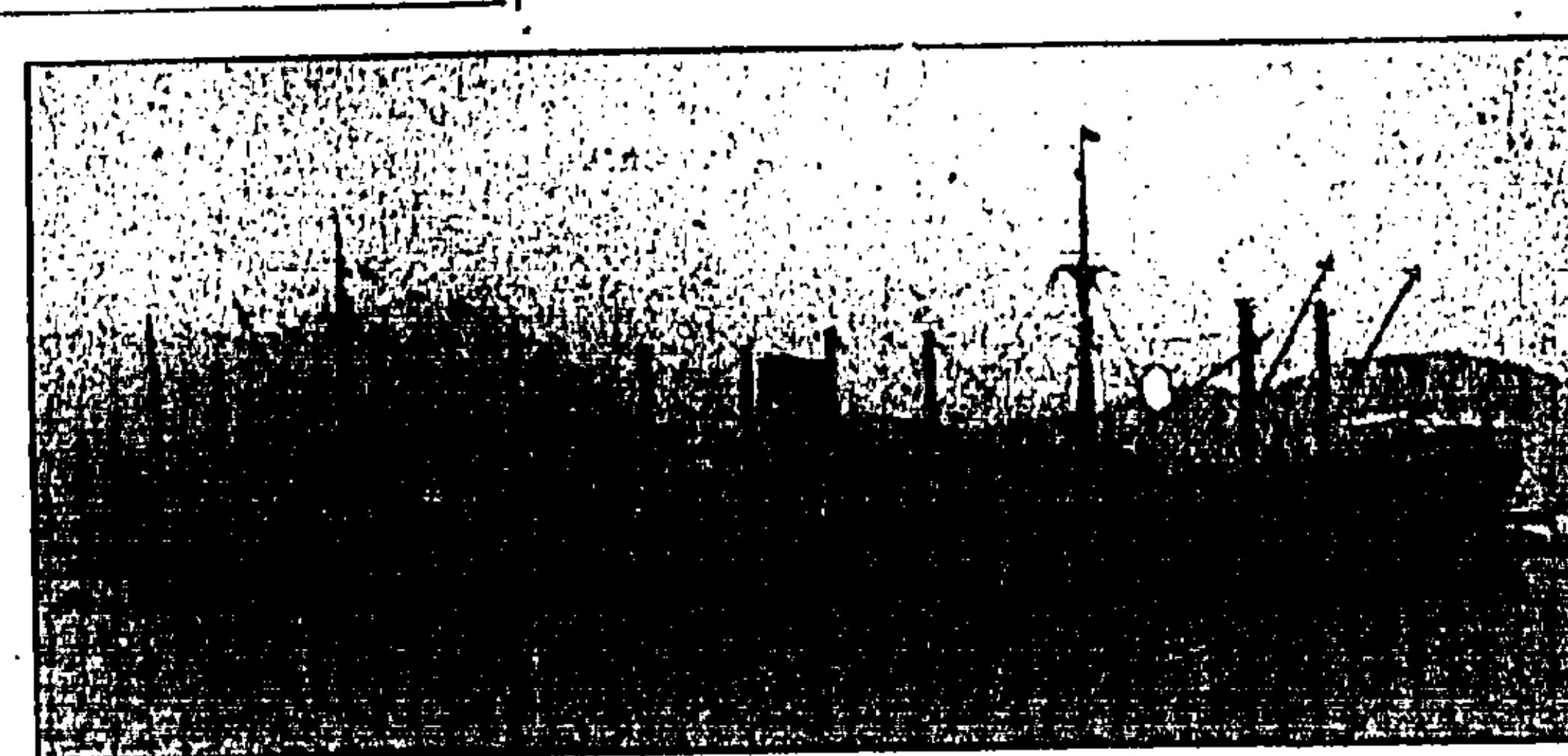
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GOVERNOR'S SHIP IN HARBOUR



The ss Bougainville in which His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham will leave the Colony tomorrow at noon. Send-off arrangements are published below.—China Mail.

Arrangements For Governor's Departure

The following traffic arrangements are announced by the Commissioner of Police for the departure of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham from Queen's Pier tomorrow morning.

The northern half of the Central Reclamation will be closed to general parking until about midday tomorrow. The closed area will be marked with "No Parking" signs and any cars found parked during the prohibited period will be removed without notification to their owners.

Invited guests attending the departure ceremony at Queen's Pier are requested to note that cars should approach Queen's Pier via the usual traffic route until 10.40 a.m., after which time normal traffic flow will be stopped.

SHORTAGE

In view of the extreme shortage of parking space in the Central Reclamation area, guests are advised that reserved parking has been kept to a minimum.

When His Excellency leaves in the ss Bougainville, he will be escorted by Marine Revenue and Police launches from Albury Point to North Point, Albury Point, six "Motor Launches of the Hongkong Flotilla, led by Lieutenant Commander W. J. McBrien, RN, will take over and escort the ship to Lyemun Pass. The six launches taking part are: ML 1329 (Lieutenant J. Roberts), ML 1323 (Lieutenant J. Leach), ML 3514 (Lieutenant N. Taplin), ML 3510 (Lieutenant M. Freeman) and ML 3513 (Lieutenant J. P. Bryans).

HMS *Modeste* (Commander P. B. Stuart, DSC, RN) will escort His Excellency from Lyemun to a position off Waglan Island.

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NAUTICAL MUSICAL SUCCESS BY HMS NEWCASTLE

By R. A. BONES

Last night I was privileged to be a guest at "The King of The Castle", a musical extravaganza by the Newcastle Strollers, written, produced and presented by some of the officers and men of HMS Newcastle as a Christmas entertainment for the rest of their shipmates.

When one considers that everyone connected with this show was drawn from a crew of about 800 men and no women this was an astonishing and highly successful performance greatly enjoyed by their owners.

There was much in it from which our local societies could learn. There was a prompt start with all the audience in their places; would that this was more common in Hongkong! Then the whole show including hire of the China Fleet Club Hall for three nights, printing of programmes, scenery and costumes (which with the exception of two dresses were all designed and made on board) cost only about \$500.

There were no hitches, no long delays for scenery changes, everything was well-rehearsed and timed. Last and by no means least was the intense sense of being part of a team and not solo performers; no one tried to capture the limelight or to command the stage; undoubtedly this was one of the greatest contributing factors to the enormous success of the evening.

Performers

Lieutenant Commander MacCraig wrote the script, was one of the three joint producers and also played three roles in the cast, much of the credit goes to him.

The hero, A.B. Featherstone Cholmondeley, was played by Marine Sid Hawkes; the heroine, Rose Water, by A.B. James; Dick the "dame", Great Aunt Fatin, by First Lieutenant Norman Turner; and the villain, Engineer Graham Lyle. The rest of the cast are too numerous to mention, I would however like to name "Schooly" Ray Bruce who made a first class witch and minister in the final scene, and Marine Alan Goodbody who was a most convincing and attractive member of the Beverly Sisters and who caused several wolf-whistles.

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The overture was a very clever arrangement of five well-known tunes which had us all guessing arranged by "Bandie" Jordan, Bandmaster of the Allot Section of the Royal Marine Band, Fur East Station. The band also played in the intervals and accompanied some of the choruses.

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Purse Snatched

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